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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Re. Appellant: Thomas C. Mielenhausen  
Serial No.: 09/309,831  
Filed: May 11, 1999  
For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
CONVERTING WORDS TO ABBREVIATIONS, CONVERTING  
ABBREVIATIONS TO WORDS, AND SELECTING  
ABBREVIATIONS FOR INSERTION INTO TEXT  
Examiner: Cong Lac T. Huynh  
Art Unit: 2178  
Confirmation No.: 8013  
Attorney: Nelson R. Capes  
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Docket No.: 33197.8  
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**APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF**

This Reply Brief is submitted under 37 CFR 41.41 to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 8, 2006.

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I. **ARGUMENT**

1. The Examiner's Answer appears to be an exact duplicate of that of June 29, 2005, other than complying with 37 CFR §41.39. No new arguments are raised and no new responses to Appellant's arguments are made. There appear to be no new grounds of rejection so designated.

2. Accordingly, Appellant requests that the Appeal be maintained.

3. More than seven years have elapsed since the filing of the patent application on May 11, 1999. Since that time, the Examiner has twice withdrawn his objections to the application, causing Appellant to incur the expense of providing numerous responses to Office Actions, two Appeal Briefs, and two Replies to Examiner's Answer. Appellant therefore requests that the Appeal be docketed for expedited handling.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Appellant's Reply Brief (Two pages); and
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